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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

1. At its 26th meeting, on 28 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 10, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme Africa: New Agenda for Development, which is a priority for the medium-term plan 2002-2005. The importance of this programme for Africa was reiterated.

4. Full support was expressed for the increase of resources and the objectives proposed for the biennium. The view was also expressed that the strategy of the programme should be action-oriented and result in concrete measurable activities.

5. The view was expressed that expected accomplishments of subprogramme 1 should include increased cooperation not only between Africa and other developing countries, but also between Africa and developed countries. Including increased

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cooperation with developed countries would fully take into account the main objective of the programme, which is to mobilize the international community as a whole.

6. It was considered extremely important that all the vacant posts be filled without delay. It was recommended that the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF be precise, critical and exhaustive. UN-NADAF was a compact between Africa and the international community and its evaluation should show candidly and clearly what each member of the compact has done. The evaluation should further assess the impact of what has been done, and provide indications on the successor arrangements.

7. The view was expressed that the strategy under subprogramme 3 should be revised to include the production of special materials to promote the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF and highlight its achievements.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 10, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following:

(a) Modifications to the narrative of section 10:

Subprogramme 1
Table 10.4

Under indicators of achievement (b), after "The contribution" add "and impact".

Under expected accomplishments, replace paragraph (b) by the following:

"Greater awareness and understanding of African development issues, including those related to post-conflict situations."

Under indicators of achievement, add after paragraph (d), the following five paragraphs:

"(e) An assessment of the quality and timeliness of reports submitted to intergovernmental policy-making and review bodies to facilitate deliberations on Africa.

"(f) The number and usefulness of briefing sessions on issues concerning African development.

"(g) The number and usefulness of South-South forums sponsored or co-sponsored.

"(h) The number of visits to the Africa web page.

"(i) The use of databases on the activities of non-governmental organizations and other non-governmental partners contributing to African development."

Subprogramme 2
Table 10.6

Under expected accomplishments, add the following two paragraphs:

"(d) Improved reporting on and dissemination of experiences in the implementation of programmes and initiatives on Africa.

"(e) Strengthened national economic management capacity as an integral component of peace-building and post-conflict resolution."

Under indicators of achievement, add the following paragraph and re-letter the other paragraphs:

"(a) Expression of satisfaction over the support provided to Member States in implementing the programme of action."

Under indicators of achievement, in new paragraphs (c) and (d) add "and impact" after "The number".

Under indicators of achievement, add the following two paragraphs after paragraph (d):

"(e) The number and impact of forums and expert meetings organized to access and monitor the rate of implementation of the action programme.

"(f) The number and impact of training activities organized and development personnel benefiting from them."

Subprogramme 3
Table 10.8

Replace the two indicators of achievement by:

"(a) Assessment by users of the quality and volume of information disseminated regionally and internationally through the print and electronic media outlets.

"(b) The timely and regular issuance of *Africa Recovery*.

"(c) The number and quality of informational materials prepared and media events organized in order to maintain the international spotlight on Africa."

(b) Immediate steps should be taken to fill the vacancies which negatively affect programme delivery.

(c) Activities envisaged in subprogramme 3 should be reinforced in view of the forthcoming final evaluation of UN-NADAF in the year 2002.

(d) The various reports related to the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF listed as outputs under subprogrammes 1 and 2 should, inter alia:

(i) Present an exhaustive assessment of all the activities carried out by all partners concerned in the various areas covered by the UN-NADAF;

(ii) Provide a critical analysis which would make it possible:

- to identify successes, obstacles and failures;
- to highlight the lessons learned;
- to indicate the impact and implications of the activities on the development of Africa, in the light of the commitments, responsibilities and objectives initially set by UN-NADAF;

(iii) Include concrete proposals on the successor arrangements to UN-NADAF. The proposals should include effective coordination measures at the international, regional, subregional and national levels.